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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to establish an individual training account program within
2 the department of workforce development for the training of
3 unemployed persons and making an appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the
1 2 general assembly to provide for additional job training and
1 3 retraining for basic skill development and vocational or
1 4 technical training by community colleges in this state. It is
1 5 the intent of the general assembly that the department of
1 6 workforce development administer the individual training
1 7 account program and establish guidelines to provide greater
1 8 financial assistance to those persons who are employed by
1 9 employers who contribute to the unemployment compensation
1 10 fund.

1 11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 84A.11 INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNT
1 12 PROGRAM == FUND.

1 13 1. a. There is created in the state treasury a special
1 14 fund known as the individual training account fund. The fund
1 15 is separate and distinct from the unemployment compensation
1 16 fund. The fund consists of all moneys appropriated to the
1 17 fund and any other money's available to and obtained or
1 18 accepted by the department from the federal government or
1 19 private sources for placement in the fund. Moneys in the fund
1 20 are not subject to section 8.33. Notwithstanding section
1 21 12C.7, interest on and earnings from moneys in the fund shall
1 22 be credited to the fund.

1 23 b. The director of the department of workforce development
1 24 shall serve as trustee of the fund and shall administer the
1 25 fund. Any loss to the fund shall be charged against the fund
1 26 and the director shall not be personally liable for such loss.
1 27 All moneys which are paid or deposited into this fund are
1 28 hereby appropriated and made available to the department of
1 29 workforce development to be used only for the purposes
1 30 provided in this section.

1 31 2. The department of workforce development shall implement
1 32 and administer an individual training account program for
1 33 eligible recipients. Eligible recipients are employees whose
1 34 employers contribute to the unemployment compensation fund
1 35 created in section 96.9 or persons who are unemployed and
2 1 eligible for unemployment compensation from the fund. The
2 2 program shall provide vouchers to eligible recipients to
2 3 obtain eligible job training and retraining for both basic
2 4 skill development and vocational or technical training from a
2 5 community college as defined in section 260C.2. Vouchers
2 6 shall be provided through workforce development centers as
2 7 established in section 84B.1. To obtain a voucher under this
2 8 program, an eligible recipient shall provide at least a
2 9 dollar-per-dollar match. The department shall establish
2 10 guidelines concerning the maximum dollar amount of assistance
2 11 available to eligible recipients which guidelines shall
2 12 provide greater financial assistance to persons with a greater
2 13 number of years of employment with employers who contribute to
2 14 the unemployment compensation fund. The department shall
2 15 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer the program,

2 16 including rules relating to eligibility criteria, eligible
2 17 training programs, and services.
2 18 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION == INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNT FUND.
2 19 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
2 20 the department of workforce development for the fiscal year
2 21 beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the
2 22 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
2 23 used for the purposes designated:
2 24 For the establishment and support of the individual
2 25 training account program and for deposit in the individual
2 26 training account fund as created under section 84A.11,
2 27 including salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
2 28 purposes:
2 29 \$ 1,200,000
2 30 EXPLANATION
2 31 This bill establishes an individual training account
2 32 program and fund within the department of workforce
2 33 development. The program shall provide vouchers to eligible
2 34 recipients to obtain job training and retraining services from
2 35 a community college. Eligible recipients are unemployed
3 1 workers covered by the unemployment compensation trust fund.
3 2 The program provides that employees seeking assistance from
3 3 the program are required to match assistance received on at
3 4 least a dollar-for-dollar basis with the dollar amount of
3 5 assistance based, in part, on the number of years the
3 6 recipient has been employed. Funding for the program is
3 7 provided through an appropriation from the general fund of the
3 8 state.
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